THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. At present, there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Neglect of Urdu language

707. SBR1 SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Urdu is an Indian language spoken and written from Kashmir to Kanya Kumari;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways in the past gave great importance to Urdu language and the Railways are neglecting Urdu in the recent past; and

(c) if so, what action his Ministry has taken to do justice with Urdu Language

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The information is being collected from Ministry of Hunan Resources and Development.

(b) The Ministry of Railways have always accorded due respect to Urdu Language in the past and it has never been neglected

(c) Does not arise

Safety of passengers

708. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of theft in trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that many cases of theft reported in the Kerala bound trains recently;

(c) if so, the details of the such cases reported since January, 2006;

(d) whether compensation has been provided to the victims;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of the measures taken for the safety of the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There has been a decrease in the incidents of thefts of passengers' belonging as against 10846 number of eases of thefts of passengers' belonging reported during the year 2005, 10103 cases have been reported during the year 2006.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. During the year 2006 and 2007 (up to July), the cases of thefts reported in Kerala bound trains are as under:-

Years	Number of Cases
2006	192
2007 (upto July)	102